

HOUSE BILL 590

By McDaniel

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39  
and Title 43, relative to livestock.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-211, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as a new subsection (b):

(b) Effective January 1, 2012, an inspection of livestock described in subsection (a) shall be preceded by an inspection by a qualified representative of the agriculture crimes unit in the department of agriculture. If the qualified representative determines there is probable cause to believe this part has been violated, the inspection authorized by subsection (a) shall be conducted before any action is initiated with respect to an alleged violation of this part. As used in this subsection, "qualified representative" means a person who is employed by the department of agriculture in its agriculture crimes unit and who has completed a course of study conducted by the University of Tennessee extension service covering nutrition, hydration, shelter, and other care standards for livestock.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.